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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to establish a study committee to study the changes to Indiana law requiring undocumented students to pay out-of-state tuition rates to attend Indiana's seven public institutions of higher education.

*Whereas, Children of immigrants are the fastest growing segment of the child population in the United States;*

*Whereas, Recent changes to Indiana law requiring undocumented students to pay out-of-state tuition rates to attend state universities could potentially triple the cost of higher education for these students;*

*Whereas, Many of these children are enrolled in our schools and have been contributing to our communities and our state for many years;*

*Whereas, These students' parents, who may have brought them to Indiana as young children and have been Indiana taxpayers for many years, will be unable to afford out-of-state tuition rates and will not be eligible for tuition assistance;*

*Whereas, Many of these undocumented children are unaware of their legal status once they become 18 years of age;*

*Whereas, It creates a bigger problem for our*



*communities when our young people are not educated;*

*Whereas, Since Indiana is required by law to provide a kindergarten through 12th grade education for these children, allowing them to continue their education and obtain an affordable college education will enable them to become successful members of Indiana society; and*

*Whereas, These students have grown up in our country and are ready to give back, and making a college education unaffordable will make it nearly impossible for them to do so: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish an  
2 interim study committee to study the changes to Indiana law requiring  
3 that undocumented students to pay out-of-state tuition rates to attend  
4 state universities.

5           SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, should study ways  
6 to allow these students to obtain an affordable college education,  
7 including allowing a state educational institution to charge resident  
8 tuition to an individual who can prove that the individual was a resident  
9 of Indiana for at least three consecutive years immediately before  
10 seeking admission to the state institution of higher education and that  
11 the individual graduated from a high school located in Indiana.

12          SECTION 3. That the committee, if established, shall operate  
13 under the direction of the legislative council, and that the committee  
14 shall issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

